UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

OSCAR JIGGETTS, :

Petitioner, :

-against- : **ORDER** 

ROYCE MARK, : 20-CV-2689 (AJN) (KNF)

Respondent. :

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KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The petitioner, proceeding <u>pro se</u>, filed this petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for writ of habeas corpus, asserting the following claims: (1) the court's "charge on cross-racial identification" was erroneous; (2) his counsel rendered ineffective assistance to him; and (3) his lineup was unduly suggestive. By a letter, dated May 10, 2020, the petitioner requested that the petition be held in abeyance so that he may exhaust his claim of ineffective assistance of counsel based on counsel's "failure to investigate."

On or before June 15, 2020, the petitioner shall serve and file a writing explaining: (1) the reason for failing to exhaust his "failure to investigate" claim in state court; and (2) why his unexhausted "failure to investigate" claim is not meritless. On or before June 29, 2020, the respondent shall respond to the petitioner's request to hold the petition in abeyance. On or before July 13, 2020, the petitioner may serve and file any reply.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the petitioner.

Dated: New York, New York

May 29, 2020 SO ORDERED:

KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE